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Across the hedge a scream I heard,
And saw Priscilla run,
Pursued by a gigantic bird
Out in the winter sun.
The gander flapped his wings in air
And, hissing, pressed the pace
While she with feelings of despair
Led the unhappy chase.

I scaled the hedgerow double quick,
And as the gander came
In range I raised my walking stick
And with unerring aim
Landed upon his head a whack
Which proved the maid's release
From harm—for he turned on his back
And closed his eyes in peace.

"Our Christmas bird is ready quite
To dangle on the peg,"
She murmured, "till with rare delight
We eat him wing and leg."
She smiled and said, "You'll come around
On Christmas Day to dine?"
I answered, with a bow profound
"I'll be there snow or shine!"

In juicy pride the gander lay
Most luscious, brown and fat,
Upon the dish that Christmas Day,
While we about him sat.
Across the board upon me fell
Her smile, which was the spring's,
Till I was dazed and couldn't tell
The drumsticks from the wings.

We ate him till he was a wreck—
A wreck of loveliness—
And then unto her fairy beck
And call, I must confess,
I went for love's most precious sake—
(Love set my dreams astir)—
Behind the flowered screen to break
The frail wish bone with her.

I won the better part, and wished—
She seemed my wish to read.
While with her eye in mine she fished
With subtle skill indeed.
Just then the Christmas chimes with zest
Trembled across the dell,
She blushed as if they did suggest
The merry wedding bell.

My golden wish, made on that day
Of revelry and mirth,
Has been fulfilled—perpetual May
For me begilds the earth.
That wish bone, like the horseshoe old,
That brings good luck galore,
Now, mended, hangs with charm untold
Above our cottage door.

—R. K. Munkittrick.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

BY J. L. HARBOUR.

"I DUNNO what in creation to get your ma for Christmas, Mandy," and Jason Hogarth looked at his daughter inquiringly as if expecting her to suggest some suitable gift. But she was busy at that moment testing the condition of a cake in the oven by thrusting a broom straw into it, and when she had risen to her feet her father said:

"I got her a nice silk umbrel' with a silver handle las' Christmas; paid four dollars an' seventy-nine cents for it; an' I'll be switched if she's had it out o' the case it came in but one solitary time, an' then she knowed it wa'n't goin' to rain. Beats all how savin' your ma is of things. There's the silk dress pattern I got 'er two years ago this Christmas, not even made up yit. I want to git her something this Christmas that she'll have to use an' enjoy. What kin you suggest, Mandy?"

His married daughter, Amanda Jenness, now stood at her molding board rolling out pie crust. She was a dumpy little body with laughing blue eyes and a good-humored expression of countenance. But now a look of determination came in her face and she turned suddenly and faced her father, with her back to the table and the rolling pin held in both hands across her checked gingham apron.

"You want me to tell you what to get for ma's Christmas gift, pa?"

"Yes; blamed if I know what to git?"

"I can tell you in one word, pa."

"You kin? Well, I'll git it if it don't come at too high a figger. Never had better crops in my life than I had this year. My onions an' tobacker 'll bring me in $200 more'n I expected to git for 'em, an' the rozberry crop was something tremenjus an' I didn't have to sell a quart for less'n twenty cents. Your ma done her full share o' work an' I'm anxious to git her something real hansom for Christmas. What shall it be?"

His daughter looked at him steadily for a moment and then said slowly and distinctly:

"Jenny!"

A sullen frown took the place of the kindly smile on his wrinkled face. His eyes flashed ominously and his voice was harsh and cold as he said:

"Haven't I told you, Mandy Jenness, never to mention that name to me?"

"I know that you have," replied Mandy with gathering courage; "but I never said that I wouldn't do it, and when you asked me what I thought ma'd like best for Christmas, I just told you what I knew she'd like best. She'd rather have my sister Jenny than anything money can buy."

Then she added, undaunted by her father's frowning visage:

"I firmly believe, pa, that ma is shortening her days grieving for Jenny. She just is! I'm going to say my say while I'm at it, whether you like it or not. I know that I owe you respect, but I owe my own and only sister something, too, and one duty is just as important as the other. If I—"

"Wait a minnit, Mandy," her father said, rising and buttoning up his overcoat. "When your sister Jenny disgraced the family by up an' running away with that Will Martin an' marryin' into that good-for-nothing Martin family, I said that I'd never own her as my daughter ag'in, an' I never will. I said that she should never cross my threshold ag'in, an' she never shall."

"I know that the Martins are a poor, shiftless lot, an' that Will was as trifling as any of 'em. Like enough it was born in 'em to be so. But there never was anything bad about 'em, an' he's dead an' gone now. An' when I think of poor Jenny workin' the way she has to work over there in Hebron to support herself an' her two little children, an' you with plenty and to spare, I know it isn't right. I can tell you now, father, that I go to see Jenny ev'ry time I go to Hebron, an' if we weren't so poor ourselves, an' if my husband's invalid mother didn't have to live with us, I'd bring Jenny an' her children right here to live."

"I'd never darken your door ag'in if you did."

"I guess ma would. It's a burning shame, pa, that you won't even let her go to Hebron to see Jenny. It's killing ma. To think of her own daughter living only fifteen miles away and her mother not seeing her for nearly six years! It's wicked. If I was ma I'd go no matter what you said."

"Your ma knows very well that she'd have to go for good if she went at all," replied her father, coldly. Then he added:

"I must be goin', for I've got to go 'round by Job Prouty's an' see if he'll loan me his light wagon to go to Hebron with, Wednesday. I broke the tongues o' mine Sunday an' that pesky wagonmaker down to the village ain't goin' to git it fixed fer a month, I reckon. You an' Tom'll be over to eat dinner with us Christmas, I s'pose?"

"Yes, I s'pose so."

They parted with manifest stiffness of manner on both sides.

"Set! set! set!" said Mrs. Jenness, as her father walked out of the yard and down the road toward his own home. "The settest man that ever walked the earth! I wouldn't stand it about Jenny if I was mother. She's dying to see Jenny's babies, an' I just b'leeve that father'd soften if he saw 'em once. The only grandchildren he's got on earth, and he nor ma never even saw them. If I dared I'd fix it so he should see those two dear little tots once!"

It was dark when Jason Hogarth reached his house. There were no lights in the front windows of the big, square farm house with an incredibly long L back of it. He walked around to the rear, where streams of cheery light shone from the kitchen windows. A pleasant odor of frying ham greeted him as he entered the kitchen, where a table with a snowy cloth was set for supper, close to the shining kitchen stove.

"It was so chilly in the dining-room, I thought we'd eat supper out here," said his wife, a small, slight, gray-haired woman.

"I enjoy eatin' in the kitchen of a cold night like this," said her husband. "It's gittin' colder fast. Supper 'about ready?"

"Yes; I'll take it right up."

They talked little while they ate. Jason was inwardly rebellious over what he called his daughter's "impudence," and Mrs. Hogarth's thoughts could not be given utterance, because they were of Jenny.

"I must go up to the attic an' git out the buff'lo robes," said Mr. Hogarth, pushing his chair away from the table. "I'll start so early in the mornin' I won't have time to git the robes then. I guess I'll put right off for bed soon as I git the robes. I've got to be off by 5 o'clock.

Five minutes later he was in his musty, cobwebbed old attic, candle in hand. When he had found the robes he said to himself:

"Wonder if my big fur muffler ain't up here in some o' them trunks? I'll need it if it's cold as I think it'll be in the morning. Mebbe it's in this trunk."

He dropped on one knee before a small, old, hair-covered trunk, with brass-headed nails that had lost their luster years ago. Throwing up the trunk lid, he held the candle lower. His eye fell on a big rag doll with a china head. He picked it up and stared at it a moment.

His mind went back to a Christmas long years ago. He was a poor young married man then, and he had worked nearly all day at husking corn for a neighbor, to earn money to buy that doll head, and his wife had set up until midnight to make the clumsy body stuffed with sawdust. He remembered how his little Jenny had shrieked with joy when she found the doll in her stocking the next morning. And what is this? A tiny, faded, blue merino baby sacque. His wife had made it before Jenny had yet come into the world. It was the very first tiny garment she had made, and her husband recalled how she had blushed and tried to hide it under her apron when he had found her at work on it. He remembered that he had taken it from her and kissed her, and then he had kissed the tiny garment itself.

The candle in his hand shook strangely as he bent lower over the trunk and brought forth a tiny china cup with "From Papa," on it, and a little sampler with "God bless father and mother" worked in rather uncertain letters by a little hand.

There was a string of blue glass beads that he has given her on her fifth birthday and in a heavy black case was a daguerreotype of her with the beads around her neck. The little pictured face smiled up at him from the frame and there was a mist before his eyes when he thought of how many, many times those bare little arms had tightened in a warm embrace around his neck, and of how many times those smiling lips had kissed him and said:

"I love you best of anybody in all the world, farver."

Everything in the trunk was a reminder of her in her baby days, of his little Jenny. He sat down on the floor beside the trunk and took the things out one by one, the stern look in his face softening and his heart growing warmer.

He smiled when he came to a little white sunbonnet and remembered just how Jenny had looked when she came toddling out to meet him, wearing it for the first time.

It was 9 o'clock when he went back to the kitchen. His wife looked up from the weekly paper she was reading and said:

"Why, Jason, you ain't been up in the attic all this time? I s'posed you'd come down an' gone to bed long ago."

"I'm goin' right away. Set me out some breakfast on the table and fix the coffee so I kin make me a cup 'fore I start."

"I shall get up an' get you a good hot breakfast myself, Jason."

"You needn't to, Marthy, it'll be so early."

"I shall get up just the same. How husky your voice is, Jason. I'm 'fraid you took cold up there in the attic. What ever were you doing up there all this time?"

"Oh, just lookin' over some old things. I didn't take any cold. Better go to bed, Marthy, if you're bent on gittin' up at 4 in the mornin'."

Why, Jason, how'd you happen to come in at the front door?"

It was 9 o'clock at night, bitterly cold and stormy, and Christmas Eve. Jason had just come home from Hebron. His wife had heard him drive into the barnyard and had made haste with her supper that it might be ready and hot when he came in. She had also bathed her eyes hastily in cold water that he might not know that she had been crying. But he would know if he had any discernment at all, for she had been crying nearly all day. Her heart had been so heavy with thoughts of Jenny.

"How'd you happen to come in at the front door?" she asked.

"You mustn't ask questions so near Christmas time," he said in a voice so light and joyous that she looked up quickly. He picked up a lamp and said:

"I want to go into the parlor a minute before supper."

A moment later he called out cheerily:

"Come in here an' see your Christmas gift, ma. It's such a beauty I can't wait until morning."

"Better wait until after supper anyhow. It's all on the table."

"No; come in here first."

When she reached the open door of the parlor she saw her husband on his knees between a little boy of about four years and a little girl of two, his arms around their waists. A little woman with a thin, pale, tear stained face showing beneath her cheap little mourning bonnet, was standing behind Jason.

"Why—why—Jenny!"

"And this is Walter Jason, named for me, and this is Marthy Isabelle, named for you," said Jason, joyously. "Come, come ma; stop huggin' an' cryin' over Jenny an' take a look at your gran'-children. What do you say to them for a Christmas gift?"

She knelt down and took them in her arms, saying incoherently.

"Jenny—Jason--oh, dear—I—I—you dear, little things! Gran'ma's babies! You darlings! You darlings! You're the best gift, the sweetest gift, the dearest gift in all the world! The little peace child that came to Bethlehem was not dearer to his mother than you are to me. Kneel right down here by me, Jenny an' Jason, an' let me thank the Christ [illegible] was born on Christmas Day for [illegible] is an' for the beautiful Christm[illegible] there will be under this roof [illegible] orrow!"--Detroit Free Press.

It is the holy Christmas-time
That sheds a glow through all the year.
Hark, how the bells, a silv'ry chime,
Ring out their welcome far and near!

O blessed season, angel-guest,
Thou comest alike to all on earth,
Bearing sweet gifts of love and rest,
Of precious hope and heartfelt mirth.

Ring, Christmas bells, and tell again
The good old truth for ever new!
There is no heart so dull with pain
But will rejoice and sing with you.

Christmas Thoughts.

The gift of gifts is love, and there is no other in the world that can hide its lack or its scantiness.

It's at Christmas that the old adage is more forcibly impressed upon you, "'Tis more blessed to give than to receive."

The principal Christmas problem is to extract a variety of pretty presents from a limited financial area, and the amount of wearing brain work spent on its solution would solve the tariff question if it could all be gathered together and applied.

Christmas should be the home festival because the coming of Christ has changed altogether the position of the woman and has put in their proper light the rights of childhood. Henceforth the wife and mother is the chief figure in every home, and a little child is in the midst thereof.

Origin of Christmas Gifts.

At the time of the Roman Saturnalia, friends, masters and slaves feasted together, and gifts were exchanged in a manner similar to the present time. In fact, from the earliest times the giving and receiving of gifts and the offerings to the poor have been the way in which people have expressed thanks and shown their joyfulness. It is the thought, and not the expense of the Christmas gift that pleases the recipient.

In giving presents at this season they should be chosen with love in the heart, and the thought of suitableness.

Breaking the Ice.

Dashaway—"While Miss Penstock was under the mistletoe last night I talked with her five minutes and didn't know it."

Cleverton—"How did you finally find out?"

Dashaway—"She said she guessed there wasn't any use in standing there any longer."

The Night Before Christmas.

Billy Brass—"That stocking game ain't large enough for me; I guess I'll spring something new on Santa Claus."—Frank Leslie's Weekly.

NEW YORK STATE NEWS.

All These Votes Lost.

Returns of the late election, complete except as to the returns from Kings, show some interesting figures in the matter of "defective, blank and scattering" votes. The result is especially interesting because of the fact that the new blanket ballot was used for the first time this year. But the figures prove, strange to say, that there were a great many more people disfranchised by the use of the single ballots used to vote for the canal amendment than by the large blanket ballot upon which all other votes were recorded.

Of the 1,108,297 votes cast for the canal amendment 158,254 were blank, defective or scattering. Of the entire vote vast for the head of the State ticket, but one and nine-tenths per cent. was defective, while in the canal amendment vote sixteen per cent. of all the people voting threw away their franchises. In 1894 the percentage of defective and blank votes was but five-tenths of one per cent., so that the increase in defective votes of the blanket ballots was 1 4-10 per cent.

In all, nearly 25,000 votes in the State of New York cast at the last general election were thrown out as illegal.

Against Fish-Netters.

The Court of Appeals among the decisions filed affirmed a decision of the Supreme Court, General Term, in a peculiar case which involved the rights of owners of land surrounding a lake to net fish indiscriminately. The land about the Rich Lake, Jefferson County, is owned by a number of persons, who hired M. W. Doxtater to take care of their property and gave him permission to fish in the lake. Doxtater was caught by a game protector netting fish in violation of law, and suit was instituted against him for $365 for illegally netting six pickerel. The defendant was beaten in the Circuit Court, and the General Term and Court of Appeals have both upheld the verdict of the lower Court.

Hirsch Sues for Office.

Before the Court of Appeals was argued the case of the people ex rel Hugo Hirsch against the Kings County Board of Canvassers. Mr. Hirsch was the Republican candidate for Supreme Court Justice in the Second Department, and Martin J. Keogh the Democratic candidate.

The Board of Canvassers gave a majority of 500 to Keogh. The action is to compel the Board of Canvassers to award the office to Hirsch.

Appeal Against Religious Meetings.

Peter M. Martin and other taxpayers of the town of Rush, appealed to Charles R. Skinner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, from the action of Trustee Irving Weaver, in permitting religious meetings to be held in the school house.

Milk Producers' Protest.

About 200 delegates representing the patrons of milk stations on the line of the Ontario and Western Railroad, in Sullivan, Delaware, Chenango, Madison, Oneida and Otsego Counties, met at Sidney and took measures to present the case of the long-haul milk shippers before the Interstate Commerce Commissioners in New York City. Ex-President J. J. Shattuck, of the New York State Grange, presided; Judge Francis E. Gilbert, of Albany, was retained as counsel, and a delegation of three from each station on the road in the counties named will appear before the Commissioners.

The unanimous opinion, as expressed, was that a discrimination in rates in favor of the short-haul producers of Orange County, who are the petitioners in the proceedings before the Commissioners, would ruin the milk business in the northern counties of the milk district.

The milk business has increased very largely in the last five years. In Chenango County alone nearly $750,000 a year is paid to farmers through the milk stations. Petitions signed by all milk producers and by the merchants and business men generally in the sections interested will be sent to the Commissioners.

Prison for a Banker.

Bank President Joshua S. Helmer was sentenced at Lockport by Judge Metcalf to three years in Auburn at hard labor, on his conviction of deceiving Bank Examiner Clark on September 20, 1893. The defendant's attorney, E. M. Ashley, moved for a new trial on technical grounds, but was overruled.

Helmer, pale and with lips trembling, then arose to receive sentence. The Judge said it was unnecessary to point out to the defendant the enormity of his crime, as he was an intelligent man and could appreciate that he had broken a statute which was for the especial protection of the people and their savings. He inflicted the sentence of three years after taking into consideration the recommendation of clemency from the jury. A certificate of reasonable doubt was granted. It operates as a stay. Helmer was admitted to $7000 bail.

Young Skaters Crushed.

A peculiar accident occurred to a party of skaters at Middletown, resulting in the instant death of one and the severe injury of several others. Half a dozen boys were on the millpond near the electric light works, and had kindled a fire at the roots of a large hollow tree. The tree leaned over the pond, and when the fire had burned briskly into trunk the boys amused themselves by gliding under the overhanging branches.

The young skaters were warned that the tree would soon fall, but three of them again attempted to pass under it.

There was a sudden crash, and the large trunk fell. George Quinlin, twelve years of age, nearest the bank, was instantly killed. Roy Devel, ten years old, had a leg broken, and Fred Smith, nine years old, an arm broken by heavy branches.

A Commission Reduces Expenses.

The State Fisheries, Game and Forest Commission decided at a meeting held at Albany to reduce its force of employes, as the funds of the Board are running low. The services of a clerk in the office at $100 a month, an oyster protector, special agents and fifteen of thirty-three district fish and game protectors were dispensed with. These protectors receive $500 a year and $450 for expenses. Seven special game protectors were appointed.

General Items.

The jury in the Padget murder trial at Schenectady rendered a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree. Padget was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The resignation of Alfred R. Conkling, member of Assembly, was filed at Albany. Mr. Conklin was not re-elected, and had less than three weeks of his term yet to serve.

The Hotel Kensington, a three-story building in Charlotte, a suburb of Rochester, was burned. The loss on hotel was $10,000, on contents $5000, and other buildings were damaged $1000.

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WOODHULL, THURSDAY, Dec 17, 1895

—The grand jury list for 1896 for this vicinity, are: Woodhull—Wm Carpenter, Ward Brady, Thos L Wood, Andrew Durkin, Isaac Allen, Bradley Tobias, Leroy Hoaglin, L. Bly Walker. Jasper—J. W. Wallace, R. S. Wyckoff. G. H. Heckman, L. M Dennis, Byron Crosby, Gideon Marlatt, J. B. White. Rathbone—W. Young, A. E. Loper, Frank Johnson, Oscar Clark, Wm. Hanrahan, Chas. Owens. Troupsburg—Chas. Marlatt, W. Griggs, Jas Rigby, Alphonse Lewis, Jonas Brotzman, W. H. Carpenter, E. M. Blowers, Henry Bennett. Tuscarora—A. L. Orr, Austin Benedict, Patrick Dignon, Mordecai Casson, Israel Bowyer G. H. Freeman.

—The Keeley cure department at the Soldiers' Home in Bath will be discontinued, by a vote of the trustees; purely on the grounds of economy. During the four years in which this department has been in operation it has cost the Home about $10,000. A less expensive system is to be adopted, probably the one used in the Home in Indiana, which home prescribes that for each pensioner desiring treatment and all who have an earning capacity, the charge will be $15. To all other inmates of the Home the treatment will be free. The revenue derived from this department will be used to support the temperance club.

—The Chemung County Board of Supervisors are in a quandary over the bills presented by some of the doctors, who gave expert testimony in the case of Martin V. Strait last May. The doctors have presented bills for $25 a day, and as some of them were there four days, their bills would amount to $100. Some of the Supervisors object to the amount claimed, while the physicians object to cutting down their bills, and some of them have signified their intention of refusing to give expert testimony unless their claims are allowed.

—A newspaper, says an exchange, is always printed in a rush. There is always something left out that should have been put in. It is sometimes too quick to act, but with all its faults and shortcomings there is more education in a bright, newsy paper than there is in a novel. You will find the brightest boy on practicable, sensible everyday questions is the boy who reads the newspapers.

—The amount allowed towns by the Board of Supervisors for bridge claims against the county makes a total of $14,201 51 divided as follows: Addison, $2060.83; Bath, $980.99. Campbell, $1114.09; Corning Town, $997.11; Cameron, $217.81; Erwin, $1657.71; Lindley, $2238.61; Rathbone, $4408.10; Tuscarora, $543 06; Wheeler, $303.20.

—The recent term of court held at Bath ends the service of the old-fashioned Court of sessions in Steuben Under the new constitution adopted in this State the office of side judge has been abolished after the close of this year.

—A recent decision of the New York Court of Appeals is to the effect that it is not contempt of Court for a newspaper to criticise the actions of the judge. Contempt of court exists only within the walls of the court room.

—An appropriation of $50 has been made to each of the three school commissioners to enable them to carry on the provisions of the new school examination system.

—The amount of State taxes to be levied in this county for the coming year is $34,869.27, and the amount of State school tax $25,213 17.

—The apportionment of $25,000 for repairing the Court House at Corning was amended by reducing the amount to $300.

—George N. Southwick, of Albany, is the youngest member of the House of Congress. His age is 25 years.

—CHAS. P. Willard & Co., 197 Canal St., Chicago, make and handle everything in the way of small steam launches and yachts and boilers, engines and machinery for same. Catalogue sent free.

—The revival meetings being held every afternoon and evening at the Baptist church, are very interesting. Those who do not attend are missing a great deal. Rev. Vinal has a plain way of presenting facts, and Mr. Barrett, who has charge of the music, is a grand help. It is evident that their hearts are in the work. A few have made a start in a religeous, and it is expected that many more will follow.

—We received the following from J. C. Petty, M. D., of Birmamwood, Wis., regarding the death of a former resident of Hedgesville, this town. The death of Isaac Hedges, occurred in this place Dec. 9th, 1895. Mr. Hedges was an early settler and aided in clearing up the land in the town of Hedgesville, N. Y., about 1866. He moved to Michigan, from there he came to Oshkosh, Wis., and for the past 13 years he has resided in Birmamwood, Wis., being one of the first to engage in mercantile business here. Mr. Hedges buried his wife some 10 years ago Four years he has lived with his second wife, who was a resident of Oshkosh. Mr. Hedges leaves a son, William, who resides in Birmamwood. As a man, Mr. Hedges was universally respected, an exemplary Christian and standing for the right in everything. He was the first to represent the membership of the First Congregational Church in this place. He has held the office of Deacon for many years. His health has been poor for several years and gradually the marks of decline could be seen on him. He died a Christian, faithful to the end.

—An exchange says "Emma Allen, of Addison, was shot dead Thursday at Elmer, Pa., by her cousin, Ernest Allen. Allen says it was an accident, but the coroner has held him for murder. Mrs. Allen was only 18 years old and the wife of Lee Allen, a workman in the acid factory. Ernest and his cousin had been "chaffing" each other. Finally Ernest went into another room and returned with a breach loading shotgun. Placing the muzzle to her ear, he said: "Lookout I am going to shoot you!" Immediately the gun was discharged and Mrs Allen fell from her chair dead, with the lower part of her face blown away. Allen rushed out of the house and ran to Harrison Valley, where, after sending a physician to the house, he surrendered himself to the authorities.

A Sad Death.

Jennie M., youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. Charles F. Griswold, died at her home in this place on Friday, Dec. 13th, 1895. Jennie would have been ten years old had she lived until the 3d of February. She was a bright, amiable child, dearly loved by all who knew her. She was a favorite among her school mates, and little friends.

The family received many tokens of sympathy from neighbors and friends, and the church was more than full at the funeral, which was held on Sunday. The services were conducted by Rev Morrow, Pastor of the Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Barnes of the Baptist Church. The Sunday School class of which she was a member formed a part of the procession to the church and also to the grave, where they laid the sleeping form of their little playmate among beautiful evergreens and flowers.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community in this great affliction.

Hand-Smith.

Miss Hattie Smith and Mr. Z. Taylor Hand were united in marriage yesterday morning, Dec. 18th, at eleven o'clock, by Rev. G. W. Barnes.

The wedding which was very quiet one, took place at the home of Mr. Frank H. Smith, brother of the bride; and was witnessed by only a few of the near relatives.

After the wedding breakfast, the happy couple left for Buffalo and Canada, where they will spend some time

The bride was a daughter of the late E. H. Smith of this town, and has a host of friends; and Mr. Hand is one of Woodhull's most highly esteemed and respected citizens. He has just had erected on his farm near Borden, one of the finest farm houses in this part of the county, where they will begin house keeping after returning from their wedding trip.

They have the best wishes and hearty congratulations of their many friends.

—Robert Wilkes, turnkey of the jail at Bath, who went to White Plains for Joseph Denning, alias James O'Brien, returned without him. The Oneida county authorities claim they have the first right to him, as they claim he had been indicted there for burglary. He will be indicted at Utica for bank robbing.

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16 and 18 Chambers Street, New York.

—"Joe, the Pinman," with his wife and dog passed through Corning one day last week on their way from Boston to San Francisco. They started from Boston Oct. 1st, to walk to San Francisco and back in a year on a wager of $5,000. Conditions of the wager are that he will sell 2,000,000 papers of pins and 3,000,000 lead pencils during the trip. Joe says he has already disposed of half his stock, and professes perfect confidence that himself, wife and dog will be able to do the walking part of the wager. He has been employed on the Boston *Post* in whose hands the Stake money has been placed.

—A Port Jervis dispatch says that the engine owned by the Erie engineers, and built by them as a stock company for the purpose of being exhibited at the World's fair, was sold on Friday to the re-organized Erie railroad.

The True American Ring.

Tuesday President Cleveland sent to congress, a special message, regarding the dispute of the British government with the Venezuelan government over the boundary line dividing Venzuela and British Guiana. That message does Mr. Cleveland credit. It has a true American ring, and will do much to reflect honor upon his administration than any other act of his during the seven years in the presidential chair.

The message states that the United States has vainly attempted to secure the consent of Great Britain to submit the question in dispute to arbitration; that the the British government not only declines the proposal to arbitrate, but denies the right of the United States to interfere with British acquisition of additional territory by force of arms. The President recommends: First, the provision by congress for the expense of a commission to investigate fully and completely the matter in dispute. Then when the report of that commission is made and accepted, "it will be the duty of the United States to resist by every means in its power, as a wilful aggression upon its rights and interests, the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands or the exercise of governmental jurisdiction over any territory which, after investigation belongs to Venezuela."

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Students of Many Colors.

I have had in my own study at Oxford not only Turks, Arabs, Hindoos, Siamese, Japanese and Chinese, but I received only the other day a visit from one of the Blackfoot Indians, the first of that tribe who had ever set foot on English soil, a most interesting and intelligent man, who was bewailing to me the fate of his race, doomed, as he thought, to disappear from the face of the earth, as if Babylonians and Assyrians, Acadians and Hittites had not disappeared before. His name was Strong Buffalo (not Buffalo Bill), and a most powerful, determined and sensible man he seemed. He reminded me of a young Mohawk who also used to deplore to me the fate of his race. He came to Oxford many years ago to study medicine. He came in his paint and feathers, but left in his cap and gown and is now a practicing physician at Toronto.

These visits of strangers from distant lands are often highly instructive. I netted some knowledge of the Mohawk language from Dr. Oronyha Teka. One is thus brought in contact with some of the leading spirits all over the world. I have now, or have had, pupils, friends and correspondents in India, Burma, Siam, Japan, China, Korea—aye, even in the Polynesian and Melanesian islands, in South America and in several African settlements.—Max Muller in Nineteenth Century.

The Vanished Descriptive Poem.

It may be fanciful to attempt to trace a connection between the rarity of the meditative mood among readers and the prevalence of short poems among writers, but certainly there is a falling off in long poems on the aspects of nature. It would be a brave Wordsworth who today would write an excursion and expect to have it read in the moments of leisure accorded to the normal man or woman. Somebody would read it in order to write a review of it, a short review that one could read while waiting to start on an expedition for enjoying nature, but very few other people would. We are so used to the transient and the various, we can go so quickly from one aspect to another, that we demand that our poets shall give us an impression, not a description, or we have so completely ushered into the quietest scenes the presence of contest, effort and attainment that we insist on some human suggestion or some dramatic contrast within the limits of so called poetry of nature. Our poets have realized that there is scant time for addresses and odes to the mighty manifestations of creative force, and content themselves with the reflection of a fleeting mood caught in a dozen lines and fixed on the page of a magazine.—Philadelphia Citizen.

A Naught of Soda.

The little girl came into the drug store.

"Pleath, thir," she said, "mother thayth have you a naught of soda?"

"A what?" repeated the clerk.

"A naught of soda," reiterated the little girl.

"Do you want a glass of soda water?" asked the clerk.

"No, thir. Mother thayth I can't have that till evenin. She thayth have you a naught of soda?"

"What can she mean?" muttered the puzzled clerk. The child grew impatient.

"A naught of soda," she said sharply. "Why, it ith a funny bottle wif a thquirter to it, and it goeth 'si-z' when you work it."

"Oh! You mean a siphon of soda," exclaimed the clerk.

"Oh! Thiphon? Thiphon? Yeth, thir, it wath thiphon. But thiphens and naught ith the thame, ain't it?"

And the clerk said that ciphers and naughts were the same.—Philadelphia American.

One of the Wonders of Physics.

An experienced mechanic who was asked what he regarded as the most wonderful thing for general utility replied: "The tracking of a car wheel is the most wonderful thing to me in the whole range of science and invention. Here are two rails, up hill and down hill, round the sharp curves and along false tangents, and upon them fly at more than a mile a minute, without jar or jostle, a dozen heavy cars drawn by an engine weighing 60 tons. Passengers realize no danger, yet there is only the little flange of a wheel between them and eternity. An inch and a half of steel turned up on the inner side of the wheel holds up the whole train as securely to the rails as if it were bolted there in grooves."—Albany Express.

The Origin of Mrs. Grundy.

How many who daily use the name of Mrs. Grundy have any idea of her origin? It is generally believed that Dickens was somehow responsible for her, but a writer in the Dundee Advertiser points out that this is an utter mistake. The real creator of Mrs. Grundy was Thomas Morton, the dramatist (born 1764, died 1838), the father of the author of "Box and Cox," and she is referred to in his comedy, "Speed the Plow," which was first performed in 1798. Mrs. Grundy is not a character in that play. She is merely a mysterious personage whom Dame Ashfield, the farmer's wife, constantly quotes, much in the same way as Sairey Gamp alludes to Mrs. Harris.

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Stranger—But this one has lost all her faculties, couldn't read through a telescope, couldn't hear Gabriel's trumpet, lost all her teeth, hasn't spoken intelligently in years.

Manager—Now you're talking! When can she come?—New York Sun.

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Mabel—Then why don't you marry him.—Vogue.

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TWO ENTERTAINMENTS.

One Performance on the Stage, the Other In the Audience.

I attended a recent performance given by some amateur actors and actresses—very good they were, too—and while I enjoyed the stage entertainment I was not unmindful of the one that was in progress directly behind me.

It was furnished by an old lady and two young ones—when I say "young ones" I don't mean children—and its beginning antedated the overture in this style:

"Can you read the programme, mother?"

"Why, yes; but it must be wrong. Here's Annie's name down, and it says she's a servant. I thought you said she was an actress."

"Only a servant in the play, mother."

"But that seems a kind of mean thing to play. She doesn't have to do that, goodness knows!"

"She has to play whatever they give her to play. She's a beginner, you know."

"Well, I wouldn't begin that way."

"Annie" appeared presently.

She said, "Yes, my lady," and "No, your lordship," and "I will tell her ladyship that you are here," and a few more stunners of that sort very well, I thought.

But when the French count with the pointed beard chucks her under the chin I could hear the old lady behind me getting into a fine rage.

"Well, the idea of our Annie letting a man do a thing like that!"

"But, mother, that's in the play."

"I don't care if it is. I suppose he'll kiss her later on! The idea!"

Well, he did kiss her shortly after and got a good slap in the face for his pains.

The old lady almost rose in her seat.

"Good, good!" she cried in a very audible voice.

"I thought Annie wouldn't stand anything of that sort!"

She objected to the young girl's little love affairs with the footman, however, and could hardly be kept in her chair when the two plighted their troth.

"I don't call that play acting," she said. "They were just like two servants, and I don't like it."

When the curtain dropped, they all went around to the stage door, and somehow I felt sorry for Annie, coming from the stage full of hot enthusiasm, only to receive—mentally at least—a bucket of cold water.—Polly Pry in New York Recorder.

THE SICKROOM NURSE.

Her Duties, Her Authority and Her Powers For Evil or Good.

No person has greater power for evil or for good than has the nurse in the sickroom. Her actual authority is second to that of the physician, but her opportunities for exercising it are almost unlimited. If a physician in a country town wishes to secure a trained nurse, he should telegraph or write to the nurses' directory, to some hospital or physician whom he knows, in the nearest adjacent city, stating for what sort of a case he will require a nurse, what he will pay and when he will require her. Such a message should secure for him almost immediately whatever service he requires.

The traits of character which make the ideal nurse are patience, obedience, tact and good sense and temper. The nurse's costume should consist of a cambric or seersucker gown, with white cap, cuffs and apron. Woolen gowns should never be permitted in a sickroom. Her authority is absolute after the physician's. She must obey his instructions to the letter, even if they are against her judgment. She has no discretion in the matter.

But the patient and the patient's family must obey her. She must never be allowed to disobey the physician's orders, and the first symptom of any such behavior should be reported immediately to the physician. All his instructions with reference to treatment, diet and care should be followed faithfully. The fact that her patient is a man should make no difference in her behavior in the sickroom. He is a patient, not a man, and she a nurse, not a woman. Whenever a nurse disobeys a physician's orders or behaves in any manner which renders her dismissal advisable, the family or the patient should request the doctor to discharge her at once and to supply her substitute. A word from him is sufficient to insure her departure.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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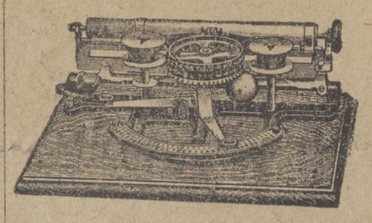

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Local and Vicinity News.

—Christmas next Wednesday.

—John VanCuran has the bilious fever and pleurisy.

—The Republican national convention will be held at St. Louis, Mo., June 16, 1896.

—The "Sweet bye and bye" is not likely to come to any one who is continually sour.

—Howard B. Harrison, of Albany, spent Tuesday with the Teachers' Institute at Addison.

—Rev. F. A Vinal filled Rev. Morrow's appointment at East Troupsburg Sunday afternoon.

—Miss Viola Delong, of Binghamton, is spending a week or two with friends in this place.

—Mr. and Mrs. Darl Potter have gone to Bradford, Pa., to spend the winter with their daughters.

—H. P. Smith & Son recently sold their hearse to Devillo King, of Cowanesque, Pa., and have purchased a fine new one.

—Mr. George Blowers, of Troupsburg, visited his daughter, Mrs. Rose Bishop, of Turtle Point, Pa., last week.

—An analysis of the powder taken by Jennie Griswold and which caused her death, proves it to have been chloride of barium.

—Mr Henry Baldwin, of Addison, died Sunday morning, of paralysis of the brain. The funeral was held Tuesday at 2 p. m.

—Mrs. Cornelius, widow of the late Joseph Cornelius of Elkland, Pa., died on Thursday last. Her husband died just four weeks ago.

—Prof. W. H. Barrett, the singer evangelist, will be at the East Troupsburg M. E. church at the service Sunday afternoon next.

—The Board of Supervisors voted that a telephone should be placed in the office of the County Judge at Hornellsville and the County Clerk in Bath.

—Tuesday evening Miss Hattie Smith received by express a large, beautiful boquet of flowers from her friend, Miss Carrie Stroud, of Buffalo, N. Y.

—L. S. Lamson County Clerk-elect, removed with his family, from this place to Bath Tuesday. The best wishes of a large circle of friends go with them.

—Mr. Nathan Hallett, of Cameron, celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday last week Thursday. Mr. Hallett is Mrs. S. L. Wildrick's father and a remarkably active man for his age.

—Milo G. Edwards has become a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Elkland, Pa. J. A. Walker, S. Barrett and Pete Edwards accompanied him to that place Monday evening, to support him through the trying ordeal.

—Henry Gee, of Holden Brook, in this town, was instantly killed one day last week while hanging a hog which he was butchering. The stick on which the hog was hung broke, letting the whole weight fall on Mr. Gee in such a way that it broke his neck. Mr. Gee was about 30 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

—We learn from the Elmira *Advertiser* that Engineer Brace Stephens of the Chas. Hibbard & Co's. mill on West Water Street, Elmira, came near drowning in the mill race Wednesday night of last week. He was walking along the bank and made a mistep on the narrow walk and fell into the race which contained water to the depth of about seven feet. He grasped a plank, but was unable to draw himself from the water. He called for help, but the shouts of skaters on the river made his cries of no avail until he was nearly exhausted. He was removed to the mill, and later to his home where he was attended by physicians.

Notice.

I have quite a good many winter goods which I have moved to my house which I will sell at greatly reduced prices. My health is quite poor again and I thought I would carry on my shop at my house until spring, when I expect to be at my old stand. Please give me a call. L. W. HOLLIS.

—The wife of Rev. F. A. Vinal, th evangelist, is here.

—The wife of Will Stickles, of Troupsburg, is very sick.

—Will Patterson has removed his family to Richburg, N. Y.

—The roads in the village are as dusty as they are in mid summer.

—There will be a Chrismas tree at the Methodist church on Christmas eve.

—If this weather continues Santa Claus will have no use for his reindeer and sleigh this year.

—Prutsman's is the place to buy Christmas goods.

—Dow Schoonover has moved from Knoxville, Pa., to Austinburg where he will carry on the blacksmithing business.

—For the first time in over 1,800 years, so we are informed, there are two full moon in one months and this is the month.

—Miss Barbary Aub, who is creating a sensation in New York courts, was a student of Alfred University about eight years ago.

—Rev. Anna Shaw, who lectured on "The New Man" at Addison Friday evening, occupied the pulpit of Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, in Elmira Sunday.

—A very interesting and profitable Teachers' Institute was held at Addison last week. There were one-hundred and sixty-four teachers in attendance.

—Mrs. Chauncey Howell, of Tioga, Pa., who was tried at the recent term of court at Wellsboro, for the murder of Miss Libbie Knapp, by poison, was acquitted.

—If you need an engine of any kind steam, gasoline, kerosene oil, send for free illustrated circular to CHAS. P. WILLARD & Co., 197 Canal St., Chicago.

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—Floyd T. McConnel, vice president and general manager of the McConnell Manufacturing Company at Hornellsville, died Monday morning, of pluropneumonia, aged 49 years

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—The citizens of Hornellsville give a dinner at the Hotel Sherwood, this (Thursday) evening, to the Board of Supervisors and other county officials With each invitation Mayor Willits enclosed a key to the city.

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—Owing to the death of Col. Henry Baldwin, one of the principal stock holders, James Baldwin's bank at Addison has closed its doors. All creditors of the bank will be paid as soon as the bank can realize from its securities.

—B. Lewis, living near Hedgesville, in this town, while in Addison Saturday imbibed too freely of the fruit of the vine, or something else; and on his way home losing his balance, pitched forward over the dashboard of the wagon, down between the horses, cutting and bruising his face in a terrible manner. He was taken to the home of Dr. Talmage who dressed his wounds. His nose was crushed almost flat, besides an ugly gash on his face which required several stitches. He will be likely to carry a badly disfigured countenance the remainder of his life.

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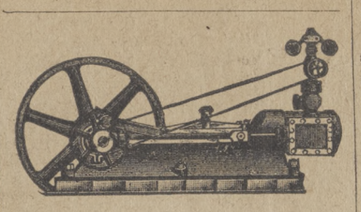

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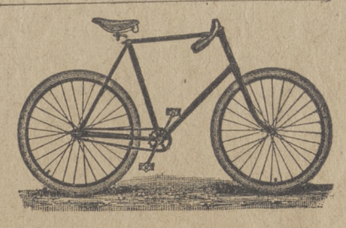

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—Mr. J. U. Miller has purchased a crusher for grinding corn in the ear, at his mill on Pulteney Hill St. tf

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Major J. C. Picton is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remeda Major Picton says: "I have used myself and in my family for several yeard, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by J. C. HUSTED.

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RIPANS TABULES

A reporter called, on Wednesday evening, May 8, 1895, at the residence of Mr. William McMahon, No. 1688 Pearl street, Brooklyn village (Cleveland), O., to learn, if possible, the cause of the noticeable improvement in his physical condition over that of a year ago, when he was a sufferer from indigestion and various organic disorders. "You see," began Mr. McMahon, "to start with, my work—that of setting type at the case—allows me little chance for bodily exercise, and is altogether too confining for anybody who is in the least subject to indigestion or dyspepsia. Perhaps not more so than many another mechanic or artisan who is constantly indoors and under severe mental strain, while the physical development is sadly in need of something to keep it in trim. Well, that has been my complaint for years, and some months ago I became very bilious, and constipation made life miserable for me at times. Then it took a seat in my LIVER, which became noticeably inactive, and I became alarmed about it. The first thing I turned my attention to was to secure a 'liver regulator,' which, however, failed to regulate; next I sought relief in 'liver pills,' which so pained and griped me that the cure was, I thought, worse than the disease. The next thing I did was to throw away the whole 'shooting match,' and resolve to take no more proprietory medicines. However, on hearing my tale of woe, one day, at the office, a fellow-workman offered me a small Tabule—Ripans, he called it—which, he said, he would guarantee to act on the liver. I took it under protest, expecting to be doubled up in about fifteen minutes with the 'gripes.' But I was agreeably surprised in its action. It was very gentle, and I resolved to try a box. Since then I have gradually noted an entire change in the working of my system, and think that Ripans Tabules are the best remedy for liver and stomach troubles this side of anywhere. They are really a substitute for physical exercise. Have one before you go?" And Mr. McMahon produced his box of "stand-bys" from his inside pocket as the reporter took his leave.

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Punishment in an Indian School.

An incident occurred at the Chilocco Indian School, near Arkansas City, Kan., which, while not uncommon, is at least new to the general public. The school contains children from every tribe in the territory, and among the thousand boys may be found those of every degree of untamed disposition, many being very difficult to manage. Long ago the practice was inaugurated of not allowing the teachers to punish a boy, but when a rule was broken the culprit was brought before a jury of his own fellows, was properly represented by a "lawyer," and, after being tried, was by that jury sentenced.

The Indian is nothing if not a fatalist by nature. Any punishment imposed on an Indian by his chief or tribemen is received without a murmur. A white boy would refuse to apply the lash to one of his schoolfellows, but when a jury sentences a boy in the Chilocco School to be whipped, and designates one of his most intimate fellows as master of ceremonies, it is all taken in the most matter of fact manner.

Recently a court tried a bright, promising boy of fifteen, who had become a chronic violator of all rules. He was ably defended, but was sentenced to receive fifty lashes, and was to be expelled from the institution, and sent back to his tribe in disgrace.

Two boys assigned to the task laid the whip on his back, took him without the gates, and chased him nearly a mile down the highway toward his home, fifty miles away.

Superintendent Taylor, who has spent nearly a life among the Indian schools, says that the teachers frequently have to interfere on account of the severity of the sentences pronounced by the juries. Recently a lad was sentenced to fifty lashes, to imprisonment for twenty days in the guardhouse, and to wheeling ashes and doing other menial tasks about the engine-house for two weeks, while a ball and chain were attached to his ankle. This sentence was modified in every feature.—New York Times.

A Model Home Centre.

In the city of Reading, Penn., where the late municipal census shows a population of 86,720, there are forty-seven building associations, and the combined capital stock includes 68,300 shares. It is a suggestive coincidence that building associations were organized there just forty-seven years ago, and the estimate of savings expended in providing homes during this period gives the aggregate sum of $47,000,000.

Perhaps no city in the country has this feature of savings institutions in higher practical development than Reading. It is a centre of progress and thrift distinctive in character in this respect. Not alone have thousands of dwellings been the product of this sort of beneficial investment, but market houses, public halls, and churches figure in the record. Outlying territory has been vastly improved, the city limits have encroached upon township country, the wards have doubled in number as an evidence of the solid growth of the town, and houses to rent do not figure in the register of the great number of properties owned and paid for by individuals.

The Pennsylvania plan of building association is essentially a home-getting plan. There is no speculative feature in the share-holding in the Reading associations, and as a result every section of the city is taken up by freeholders, who earn their homes as they work day by day.—Philadelphia Times.

Autographic Thieves.

The wholesale investigation throughout the executive departments as to the stamp thefts have resulted in finding worse ravages than were first discovered in the Treasury. It is learned that the autograph fiends have been at work among the files. This vandalism seems to have been practiced principally in the Interior Department. Signatures of great men long since dead, especially Presidents of the United States, were affixed to papers in the land office. Some of these were examined, and scores of autographs have been found to be missing from them. Abraham Lincoln's autograph has been especially sought. These papers are stowed away in the files, and it is not more than once a year that any of them is needed, so that discovery of mutilation in the ordinary course of office routine was improbable. The papers have been, in many instances, rendered practically valuless by this mutilation.—New Orleans Picayune.

THE MARKETS

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

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MILK AND CREAM.

The average price paid for the surplus on the platforms has been $1.55 a can of 40 quarts. Receipts of milk and cream at the different railroad distributing points in and near the city for the week have been as follows:

Average daily receipts of the week, fluid milk, gals.	19,344
Condensed milk, gals.	183
Cream, gals.	320

BUTTER.			
Creamery—Extras	$ 25	@$	27
Firsts	24	@	26
Thirds to seconds	18	@	23
State—Fancy	—	@	22
Thirds to firsts	13	@	20
Western Im. Creamery	13	@	21
Western Dairy	11	@	18
Factory, firsts	13	@	15
CHEESE.			
State—Fullcream, white, fancy	9¾	@	10
Full cream, good to prime	9	@	9½
State Factory—Part skims, large	3¼	@	6½
Part skims, small	5	@	7
Full skims	2	@	3
EGGS.			
State & Penn—Fresh	25	@	27
Jersey—Fancy	27	@	28
Western—Prime to choice	—	@	24
Duck eggs	—	@	—
Goose eggs	—	@	—
BEANS AND PEAS.			
Beans—Marrow, 1895, choice	—	@	1 57½
Medium, 1895, choice	1 32½	@	1 35
Pea, 1895, choice	—	@	1 27½
Red kidney, 1895, choice	1 25	@	1 30
White kidney, 1895, choice	—	@	1 70
Black turtle soup, 1895	1 55	@	1 60
Lima, Cal., 1895, ℔ 60 lbs	1 90	@	1 95
Green peas, bbls	82½	@	85
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Pears, Boston, ℔ box	1 00	@	2 00
Near-by, ℔ bbl	1 50	@	3 00
Grapes, Concord, ℔ basket	11	@	12
Catawba, ℔ basket	11	@	12
Apples, King, ℔ bbl	2 50	@	3 50
Greening	2 00	@	2 75
Baldwin	2 00	@	2 75
Cranberries, Cape Cod, ℔ bbl	7 00	@	11 00
HOPS.			
State—1895, choice, ℔ lb	—	@	10
1895, common to fair	5½	@	7½
Pacific Coast, choice	—	@	9
Good to prime	7	@	8
Old odds	2	@	3
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay—Prime, ℔ 100 lb	95	@	97½
Clover mixed	70	@	75
Straw—Long rye	70	@	75
Oat	40	@	45
LIVE POULTRY.			
Fowls, ℔ lb	—	@	8
Chickens, ℔ lb	—	@	6
Roosters, old, ℔ lb	—	@	5
Turkeys, ℔ lb	—	@	7
Ducks, ℔ pair	60	@	85
Geese, ℔ pair	1 00	@	1 37
Pigeons, ℔ pair	20	@	25
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Turkeys, ℔ lb	6	@	13
Chickens, Phila. broilers	10	@	14
Western, dry picked	7	@	9
Fowls, ℔ lb	7	@	8
Ducks, ℔ lb	8	@	13
Geese, ℔ lb	8	@	12
Squabs, ℔ doz	1 50	@	2 25
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes, State, ℔ bbl	80	@	1 00
L. I., ℔ bbl	—	@	—
Sweet, ℔ bbl	3 00	@	4 50
Cabbage, ℔ 100	2 00	@	4 00
Onions, white, ℔ bbl	1 00	@	2 00
Yellow, ℔ bbl	1 00	@	1 25
Squash, Hubbard, ℔ bbl	40	@	60
Marrow, ℔ crate	—	@	—
Celery, ℔ doz. stalks	10	@	75
Carrots	50	@	75
Turnips, Russia	60	@	75
Cauliflower, ℔ bbl	1 00	@	3 50
Lettuce	6 00	@	7 00
Tomatoes, ℔ crate	1 50	@	2 50
Egg plant, ℔ bbl	2 00	@	3 00
Green peas, Fla., ℔ crate	1 00	@	2 50
String beans, ℔ crate	75	@	1 75
Watercress, ℔ 100 bunches	1 00	@	1 75
Kale, ℔ bbl	—	@	75
Spinach, ℔ bbl	2 25	@	2 75
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Spring Patents	3 50	@	3 60
Winter Patents	3 70	@	3 75
Wheat—No. 2 Red	—	@	71½
December	—	@	—
Corn—No. 2	35½	@	36
Oats—No. 2 White	24½	@	24¾
Track, White	25	@	28½
Rye	43	@	45
Barley	32	@	47
Seeds—Timothy, ℔ 100	—	@	—
Clover	—	@	—
Lard—City steam	5.10c	@	5.15c
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed	6	@	8½
Milch cows, com. to good	25 00	@	50 00
Calves, city dressed	7½	@	11½
Country dressed	7	@	10
Sheep, ℔ 100 lbs	2 37½	@	3 12½
Lambs, ℔ 100 lbs	—	@	4 62½
Hogs—Live, ℔ 100 lbs	3 90	@	4 25
Dressed	4½	@	6½

MOB AROUND A COLLEGE.

Kansas Students Accused of Robbing Graves by Angry Citizens.

For a time a few nights ago it looked as if there would be bloodshed in the streets of North Topeka, where the Kansas Medical College is located, and Battery B was ordered in readiness at the arsenal, while the company of State troops in Lawrence was marched to the railway station and held in readiness for an emergency.

A mob gathered around the college building, but a large force of policemen was sent there and kept the crowd at bay. All the students were dismissed not to return to the college until the trouble was over.

Feeling against the students of the college is strong because of the frequent robbery of graves in Rochester Cemetery, and one student, S. A. Johnson, acting as janitor of the college building, is under arrest. The third human body was discovered in the dissecting room of the college. John Dake, the miller, identified the body as that of his wife.

Rochester Cemetery, where these bodies were stolen, is used by the poorer classes of citizens. Many persons whose relatives have been buried there recently went out to open the graves and satisfy themselves if they had been robbed.

Mr. Van Vleet had a vision that his wife's grave had been molested. He went to the cemetery the next morning and discovered that the grave had been robbed. A search warrant was issued and the body was found in the medical college. P. H. Lillis went to the dissecting room of the institution and found the body of his mother upon the table.

Newsy Gleanings.

Mormon missionaries are active in Kentucky.

Bear trapping is a profitable business in Maine.

Great Britain is about to shut out American sheep.

The olive harvest in Southern California is a light one.

The Yaqui Indians in Sonora, Mexico, are again on the warpath.

Wild geese are very plentiful in many parts of Northern California.

Smoking smelt for the market is one of the new industries on Puget Sound.

It is proposed to maintain a permanent colored exhibition in Washington City.

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce has decided on the erection of a $500,000 building.

Less cotton was brought into sight in November, 1895, than during any November since 1881.

Italian statistics show that during the month of October 20,606 Italians emigrated to America.

Theory Better Than Practice.

A Germantown mother, reading in the columns of a household journal not long ago about a novel method of quieting a noisy youngster, put it in practice with a somewhat unexpected result. The scheme, as laid out in the practical magazine, consisted of smearing numerous bits of raw cotton with molasses and giving them to the squalling baby. Theoretically, the child could then be left to itself for about four hours, while it was engaged in the interesting occupation of removing the sticky cotton from its hands. Wishing to give the apparently feasible plan a fair trial, the credulous mother procured a small bale of cotton and a pint of molasses, mixed thoroughly, according to the recipe, and served in a dry footbath. Then she plunged her babe's hands into the mess and went about her business. When time was called, the astonished child toed the scratch and didn't know whether to laugh or cry. About to decide on the latter, it occurred to the youngster that the stuff smelled good, and might taste good. At this stage of the game the experimenter measured twenty-one inches just below the waist. When the intelligent mother returned in about an hour her progeny had disposed of the entire mess, measured thirty-three inches in circumference and was in imminent danger of exploding. The family physician, hastily summoned, managed to afford relief, and advised the fond parents to quiet the child with matches next time and to send for an undertaker.—Philadelphia Record.

Burning Bank Notes.

The novel spectacle of a steamer being stoked with bank notes was recently witnessed at a Mediterranean port. Forty-five sacks of the apparently valuable paper were tossed into the furnace of the vessel's boiler, under the longing eyes of the stokers, who stood restively by with an evidently burning desire to possess themselves of at least a handful of that which they somewhat inelegantly styled "rum fuel." The notes were canceled documents of the Bank of Algiers, whose manager superintended the operation of their absolute combustion.

Why the Porte is "Sublime."

What is or who is the porte, and why is he called "sublime?"

The porte is the Ottoman court. It is the Government of the Turkish Empire. In olden times justice was administered at the gate of a city or at the "porte." The porte, or gate of the Sultan's palace, was and is the seat of justice, or power, or authority, or Government. It is the Turkish court, and so the sublime porte is the court of the Sultan, or the Turkish Government.—Louisville Post.

No, Not One.

There is not a human being physically perfect. Much of this imperfection comes from heritage, much more from accident, neglect or ignorance. All of this mass of mortal suffering is manifest in aches and pains of more or less intensity, or in some kind of unnatural distress. Hence all strive for relief. The simplest and surest is of course the best, and true economy demands to have it always at hand. When we know that an ordinary sprain may make a cripple for life, we should seek the best remedy at once, and at once we know that it is found in a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil. Those who in any way doubt this can experiment and be sure of cure. Thousands have done so.

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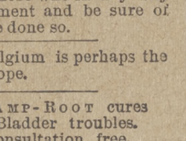

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"It is the popular belief that the double-ender strikes with his tail, and that it has a stinger and poison concealed somewhere in the blind head, but I never could find either. I learned the use for which nature intended the device. When I chased the little fellow he raised his tail in a threatening way and kept the blind head moving around as if it were looking for a chance to strike me. All the while the snake was running like a good fellow. That extra head was intended for a dummy with which to cover its retreat."—San Francisco Post.

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A Horse's Long Fast.

John Martino, of Reliance, Del., lost a horse and carriage about three weeks ago and supposed the same to have been stolen. He advertised and made diligent inquiry, all to no purpose. While in the woods near his home he discovered the team standing with the carriage jammed between two trees. The horse was a mere skeleton from its seventeen days' fast, and had nearly eaten off a large gum tree, which was the only thing edible within reach. The animal was taken home and cared for and will likely recover, despite its terrible experience. Mr. Martino thinks the horse strayed away with the carriage attached and became a prisoner by the entanglement of the vehicle between the trees.—Wilmington News.

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